

Interpretive Program Outline

1: Name/park:	Bockhahn/NODI	2:Topic:	Eastern Newts
10: Program title:(this is last)	The Helpful Newt's Toxic Life		

3: Theme Statement: (complete sentence to summarize program and why important)

The toxic but beneficial Eastern Newt needs both woods and wetlands to complete their unique four stage life cycle. These unique creatures and their habitat need protection.

4: Goal(s): (why you are doing the program)

Teach the importance of habitat diversity as it relates to the Eastern Newt, and their diverse four stage life cycle. Stop collection as pets!

9: Introduction: (grabs attention, states theme, explains how program is organized)

The TOXIC but BENEFICIAL Eastern Newt is one of the most unique salamanders. We will learn and play a game about their four stage life cycle, and you will learn what YOU can do to help protect them and their habitat.

5: Body: (your main points or subthemes – 4 or fewer recommended)

- 1) Newt Life Cycle – egg, gilled larva, toxic terrestrial red eft, aquatic adult
- 2) Newt benefits – insects and mosquito larva control
- 3) Protection – Woods and wetlands need to be protected. Newts are NOT pets!

6: Conclusion: (reinforce the theme and encourage future participation)

Newts need both wetlands and woods for their four stage life cycle. We can help out by protecting their habitat, and by not disturbing them. If you see a Newt, leave it be, it has some important business to do!

7: Audiovisuals: (make sure everyone can see and experience the props)

Salamander stage photos

8: Audience Participation: (think of ways to include audience)

The Helpful Newt's Toxic Life Game

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MATERIALS

BENEFICIAL NEWT'S TOXIC LIFE

- Larval gills, fleece ties or glow in the dark necklaces with gills
- Red Eft – orange/red reversible fleece cape with red spots, red tail noodle on ranger inner Velcro belt
- Adult green fleece cape with red spots, flat green noodle tail on Velcro belt